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AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three months to expire on March 24, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the required fee (deposit account charge). Please amend the application as shown on the attached pages.